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: A METHOD FOR LIGHTING- AND VIEW-ANGLE-INVARIANT FACE

DESCRIPTION WITH FIRST- AND SECOND-ORDER EIGENFEATURES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following document to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 6,292,575, to BORTOLUSSI et al., issued on September 18, 2001.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the above patent document. A copy of the above-noted document is attached and has been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document

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Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending and find assigned patent application:

U.S. Patent Application No.09/770,639 to S. YAMADA et al., entitled "A Method for Detecting a Human Face and an Apparatus of the Same," which was filed on January 29, 2001.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned application is attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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